

The Director of Central Intelligence

Washington, D.C. 20505

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The Honorable W. Graham Claytor, Jr.
The Secretary of the Navy
Washington, D.C. 20350

Dear Graham,

Can't thank you enough for your thoughtful and warm letter on the occasion of my retirement. Obviously it was a difficult decision to sever that wonderful tie after all these years, but I remain convinced it was the right thing to do. I do appreciate your support in arranging it, as well as our professional contacts over the period we have been in our respective jobs.

Thanks also for the kind invitation to speak at the commissioning ceremony of JOHN HANCOCK. Pat looks forward to being there also and I am delighted to have another opportunity to be associated with that ship.

Again, many thanks and all best wishes.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Stu' or 'Stan', with a stylized flourish at the end.

STANSFIELD TURNER